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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary, Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, NW Washington DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-103 (Sub-No. 19X)

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company-- Abandonment Exemption

-- Line In Springhill, Webster Parish, LA

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Kansas City Southern Railway Company ("KCSR"), the party filing the above-captioned exemption notice, has received a request from the City of Springhill, LA, that the Board issue a trail use condition concerning KCSR's proposal to abandon approximately 1.12 miles of rail line located in Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as described in the captioned notice of exemption. Board precedent states that the agency will not impose such a condition without the concurrence of the party seeking abandonment authorization. Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to advise, in accord with 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(b)(2) and Board precedent, that KCSR is willing to negotiate interim trail use/rail banking with the City of Springhill.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of this letter by date-stamping the eleventh copy hereof and returning it to the person making this filing for return to me. Copies of this letter are being mailed today to all known parties of record. If there are any questions concerning this, please contact me.

Sincerely

David C. Reeves

cc: Thomas J. Healey, Esq.
Thomas F. McFarland, Esq.

All Parties of Record